



Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association

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Workshop to target invasives

East Shore Drive, NDNA sponsoring 'Fighting the Phragmites' session April 4

The East Shore Drive and Nicolet Drive Associations are partnering in a workshop titled "Living on the Bay: Fighting the Phragmites."

This is scheduled for April 4 at the Wildlife Sanctuary. Space has been reserved for both general and break-out sessions.

The plan is to have specialists, including a representative from the DNR, discuss how to deal with phragmites, a fast-growing invasive plant. It will include a discussion/presentation on the topic of "emerging meadows," maintenance of the dike; and property tax issues.

The event will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and lunch will be provided for a small attendance charge.

A committee from both boards and memberships is being assembled.

The committee would be especially interested to learn if there is anyone in the combined memberships that is qualified to be a presenter; knows of individuals who can speak to these topics; or would like to join the com-



Phragmites, an invasive species that can sometimes grow more than 15 feet tall, chokes out native plants and makes shorelines and wetlands unfit for wildlife. The East Shore Drive and Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Associations are partnering in a workshop this spring that focuses on battling the invasive plant.

mittee and help organize what has the promise to be a worthwhile event.

The committee would also be interested in additional topics for this day-long session addressing the theme of

"Living on the Bay." Please contact Dick Pigeon, the NDNA president, at dickpigeon@new.rr.com or 468-4191 with your ideas and willingness to be involved.

Automated garbage pickup to start in January

The City of Green Bay Department of Public Works (DPW) is planning to switch to automated trash collection beginning in January.

Transition to automated trash collection will take place in three phases, to coincide with the staged upgrade of garbage trucks from manual to automated loading.

Preliminary timetables have been

published and the Nicolet Drive area may be one of the first areas to convert.

Approximately two weeks prior to the start of each automated trash collection conversion phase, affected residents will receive a green 96-gallon trash cart along with information packets. The packets will include information regarding the automated

collection program.

This means that just placing plastic bags at the roadside will no longer be acceptable. Residents will be charged \$60 for the container.

All garbage must be inside the container. There will be special days from time-to-time for larger items to be picked up, but for routine pickups, refuse must fit inside the container.

New directors elected to NDNA board

About 75 Association members cast votes, ratified bylaws at annual meeting

The Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association held its annual meeting Sept. 25 at the Riverside Ballroom. About 75 neighbors enjoyed a social hour and chicken dinner.

Mayor Jim Schmitt presented "The State of the City" and a short discussion followed. Each family received the 46 page Neighborhood Guide to City Services and a copy of "A Glimpse into the Past"—a history of the Town of Scott written by the Bay Settlement Historical Society and Nicolet Drive resident Pauline LaFrombois.

The Association has a supply of these available for \$10.

Those who did not attend and would like the Neighborhood Guide, please contact us with your address and we will get one to you.

New directors elected at the meet-

ing included Marcia Gruenhagen, Mike Clark, and Dan Drossart.

Directors whose term had expired and were elected to new two year terms include Ron Antonneau, Carol Jones and Sue Ley.

Continuing directors are Dick Pigeon, Larry Desch, Pete Doherty, Reed Hardy, Kathy Desch, Sharon Doherty, Jill Hardy, Cheryl Pigeon and Stacy White.

New bylaws also were ratified by the members

Stacy has since resigned after accepting a new job. Time requirements make it unlikely she would be able to attend meetings.

Therefore, there is one board vacancy that the board is seeking a candidate for.

Anyone appointed to that post will serve until the next annual meeting

and then will have the option to run for a 2 year term or retire.

Directors who retired are Bob Tripp and Diane Auger. Bob was one of the original board members having served about 10 years. He was not able to attend the annual meeting so he was not there to be formally recognized at that time, so if you see Bob out and about be sure to thank him for all of his years of work on behalf of the association.

The board then elected officers at its November meeting: Dick Pigeon president; Larry Desch vice president; Pete Doherty treasurer and Reed Hardy secretary.

If anyone would be interested in accepting an appointment for a one year term on the board, please contact Larry Desch, nominating committee chair.

Habitat for Humanity seeks partner families

Area residents also can donate used building materials, appliances

The Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity is seeking families in need of better housing with the financial ability to pay a zero percent interest mortgage and the willingness to work with Habitat in the building of their home.

For a limited time, Habitat will be holding one-on-one information and

application meetings to find partner families for the upcoming builds.

These meetings will provide an overview of the Habitat program, a discussion on what is needed to complete an application, and the necessary application forms.

Michelle Heeler is the new director of Habitat for Humanity having recently assumed that position from the retiring Larry Boehm.

If you are aware of anyone who may have an interest in this program as a partner family or even as a vol-

unteer, call Michelle at (920) 593-5782. Her e-mail is mheeler@greenbayhabitat.org.

Habitat also accepts donations of used building materials and appliances.

So if you are considering remodeling, your used sinks, doors, light fixtures, serviceable appliances, etc. will be gladly accepted.

These can be dropped off at their donation center at 2965 Ramada Way in the rear of the Woodworkers Depot Building.

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Planning under way for spring social

It was gratifying to have more than 70 residents/members of our association present at the annual meeting at the Riverside Ballroom in September. It is a clear sign that our neighborhood association is alive and well.

At the Association's November board meeting, the need to plan for our spring social event was discussed.

We were all in agreement that the event should not be a business meeting, but instead it should bring neighbors together for some fun and camaraderie.

We considered a range of topics:

1) What kind of venue should we select: ballroom, outdoors, dining room on UWGB campus or a local restaurant, or would it be possible to meet at the new VA Clinic?

2) What meal style should we have: potluck, catered barbeque, buffet or sit-down dinner?

3) What kind of entertainment will bring out the most neighbors for some fun? Should we ask the Mayor to speak again? Should we hire some kind of musical, magical, or comical

Share your ideas

■ If you have any ideas or suggestions for the Association's spring social, please contact Reed Hardy at reed.hardy@gmail.com

performer? Would some kind of open mic or talent show work for us?

4) Cost. We all agreed that the cost should be as low as possible.

5) When should the spring social happen? If it will be indoors, we could have it as early as April or early May, if outdoors, we probably want to wait until late May or June.

And finally, 6) should we consider inviting some neighboring associations such as Red Smith or East Shore Drive to combine their spring social with ours? This would make for a bigger crowd and an opportunity to mix with folks from the wider community with whom we share a lot of common concerns.

To answer some of these questions, we are looking for your input.

Totals for each option will be reported at the January board meeting.

Please provide one or two choices for each issue below with your first choice first:

- 1) Venue:
- 2) Meal style:
- 3) Entertainment:
- 4) Cost :
- 5) When:
- 6) Who to invite:

Note: One of the least expensive and potentially most fun entertainment options would be a talent show or open mic. Would you be willing to do a brief performance? If so, what type of talent would you perform? It could be anything that you think would entertain and delight your neighbors.

If you would be willing to perform, let Reed Hardy know what you want to do and how much stage time it will take. No matter what the results of our questionnaire, we hope to make our 2014 NDNA spring social the most fun social ever!

Joliet Park cleanup tops comment list at meeting

A cleanup and development of Joliet Park garnered the most comments from attendees at the Nicolet Drive Neighborhood Association's annual meeting.

Comment cards handed out at the dinner and business meeting at the Riverside Ballroom asked Nicolet Drive residents what concerns they had about their neighborhood.

More than 20 residents focused their comments on Joliet Park sug-

gesting such things as creating a walking trail, getting rid of invasive species, better law enforcement in the park, improving the park to provide more recreational activities and dealing with duck hunters in the park.

Some of the remarks written on the comment sheets included:

- Trim the dang trees so everyone can have a view of the bay when driving past Joliet Park

- Develop Joliet Park
- Create a walking trail by the park
- Joliet park needs rejuvenation
- There are poachers in Joliet Park.

Saw 2 men carrying out a laundry basket of dead ducks. Called DNR

One person said "leave Joliet Park alone."

This past year, Friends of Joliet Park, a group of area residents from a number of surrounding neighbor-

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hood associations who would like to see improvements in the park, collected 650 signatures asking the city to clean up the area, create a trail in the park and rid it of invasive species.

Other comments from residents at the meeting were:

- Nicolet Drive needs sidewalks; more and nicer lighting
- Create a bike lane on Nicolet Drive
- Islands along Nicolet could use some sprucing up by BP gas station. Cooperate with East Shore Drive; a joint community project
- Motorcycles drive too fast on Nicolet Drive

- Eagles Nest and Carlton Inn need to be cleaned up — overgrown dump
- Bury power lines.

• Sign at Communiversity Park advertising the golf course makes it look like Tijuana

- Patrol speed limit on Nicolet
- Support environmental issues regarding water safety; clean water etc. Work with clean-water action council for example.

- Stop the 60-mile speeders
- More police presence needed in the area for crime prevention
- Yard in neighborhood not kept up. Massive weed beds causing varmints.
- Spending money unnecessarily such as two signs for no outlet on Beach Lane

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There is one vacancy on the board. If you are interested in joining us to help improve the neighborhood, please contact us.